



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

DATE: September 13, 2004

SUBJECT: Format for Richmond Road Neighborhood Focus Area Forum

This memo is an outline of a revised structure for the Richmond Road Neighborhood Focus Area forum. If this format is acceptable, it will be used to develop a similar outline for the public forums for the Jamestown Road Neighborhood Focus Area, Center City Area, and Commercial Corridors.



GOAL OF THE FORUM

Present the major planning issues to residents of the neighborhood so that they can comment on them before the Planning Commission's recommendations are finalized.

MEETING FORMAT (Community Building)

1. Welcome – Jesse Young, Chairman
2. Overview of the Neighborhood Focus Area (history, current Plan and Zoning, areas of concern) – Reed Nester, Planning Director
3. Discuss of the “Vision” for this area of the City – entire group, moderated by Mr. Young
4. Separate into three discussion groups to talk about major issues – each group facilitated by two Planning Commission members, staff to be note takers
 - a. Infrastructure – streets, sidewalks, other public improvements
 - b. Housing – owner occupied vs. renter, role of B&Bs in the neighborhoods, potential for new housing in the area
 - c. Commercial – potential of a unified land use and zoning designation along Richmond Road between Brooks and Williamsburg Shopping Center.
5. Reconvene and hear reports from each discussion group
6. Adjourn

RICHMOND ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS AREA BOUNDARIES

Are the boundaries of the proposed Neighborhood Focus Area acceptable? A possibility would be to have the eastern limit of the area be Braxton Court, instead of just east of North Henry Street.

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